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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have district-war figures. But selection is not made on a territorial basis.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : In this selection made either by the High Court or by the Madras Public Service Commission, may I know whether communal representation according to the Communal Government Order is observed, or whether any preferential treatment is given to the backward and Harijan communities?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is reservation for backward classes, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : May I know whether any percentage is fixed for direct recruitment and for recruitment by promotion?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think the rules prescribe any percentage. But we go by an understanding as to what percentage should be filled by direct recruitment and by what percentage by promotion. I think at present it is 60 per cent for direct recruitment and 40 per cent for promotion.

Malabar District Livestock Farm

* 2545 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to acquire the pockets within the Malabar District Livestock Farm, Thiruvazhamkunnu; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The question of acquiring certain pockets of private lands within the boundary of Livestock Farm, Thiruvazhamkunnu, Malabar district, is under consideration of the Government.

Sathiamoorthi Nagar at Avadi

* 2546 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount if any spent by the Government in connection with the establishment of Sathiamoorthi Nagar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The total expenditure incurred by the Government in connection with the establishment of Sathiamoorthi Nagar is Rs. 4·8 lakhs. Out of this a sum of Rs. 3·4 lakhs represents the grant given by the Government to the Corporation of Madras for the improvement of a bridge and three roads and an expenditure of about Rs. 8,000 incurred on the formation and metalling of the road parallel to Madras-Tiruvallur road. The improvements to the bridge and the roads

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referred to are of a permanent nature for the benefit of the public. A detailed statement [a] showing the particulars of the total expenditure incurred is laid on the table of the House.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : ஆவடியில் நடந்த காங்கிரஸ் மகாநாட்டுக்கு பொதுமக்கள் கூட்டம் அதிகமாக வந்தது என்பதனால் அதற்காக சௌகரியம் செய்து கொடுப்பதற்காக 4 லக்ஷம் ரூபாய் செலவு செய்யப்பட்டது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இதை பல தடவை சொல்லி இருக்கிறார்கள். அதேபோல் மற்ற அரசியல் கக்ஷிகளும் கூட்டம் போட்டால் பொதுமக்கள் அதிகமாகக் கூடுகிறார்கள். இதை மறுக்கமுடியாது. ஆகவே மற்ற அரசியல் கக்ஷிக் கூட்டங்களுக்கும் சௌகரியம் செய்து கொடுப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் உதவி செய்வார்களா, அந்த மாதிரி இதுவரையில் செய்திருக்கிறார்களா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : காங்கிரஸுக்குக் கூடுகின்ற அளவு வேறு எந்தக் கக்ஷிக் கூட்டத்திற்கும் பொதுமக்கள் கூடுவது கிடையாது. வேறு எந்தக் கக்ஷிக்கும் அவ்வளவு அதிகமாகக் கூடுவதாயிருந்தால் அப்போது சொன்னால் அதுபற்றி கவனிக்கப்படும்.

Bridge across the Karichery river

* 2547 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 1st April 1955, from Sri Meloth Narayanan Nambiar, M.L.A., requesting them to construct a bridge across the Karichery river on the Thekkil-Bundadka road (road under Local Development Works) in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district; and

(*b*) if so the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The question of including the work in the Second Five-Year Plan is under consideration.

Acquisition of Mackey's garden cheri

* 2548 *Q.*—SRI S. ARUMUGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Mackey's garden cheri is an evacuee property;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to sell that property by public auction;

(*c*) whether the residents have submitted any petitions to the Government to sell that property to them; and

(*d*) if so, the action taken thereon.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 456 infra.